airbus chashanded at Patna Airport on the 12th June, 1992;

(b) if so, what are the details of the damage caused to the Airbus;

(c) what were the exact causes of the air crash; and

(d) the steps contemplated by Government to avoid such accidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Indian Airlines Flight IC-809 of 12.6.92 made a normal landing at Patna Airport and during back tracking at the end of the runway its No. 2 wheel of Nose Under-carriage got damaged.

(c) and (d) The incident is under investigation.

Grounding of Airbus A-320

481. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM?

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of high tech airbus A-320 were, recently, grounded for want of vital spares;

(b) if so, what is the number of such airbuses that have aircrashed so far or are grounded at present for lack of spares;

(c) the estimated revenue loss suffered by Government as a result thereof;

(d) whether Government have enquired into the mismanagement by the Indian Airlines for not keeping adequate stock of spares to avoid grounding of the airbuses; and

(e) if so, what is the outcome thereof and what measures have been taken by Government to avoid such a situation in future?

THE MINISTER OF CIVII ! AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRl MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Out of a total of 19 A-320 aircrafi procured by Indian Airlines, one was lost in an accident at Bangalore in February, 1990. Of the remaining aircraft, 5 remained on ground at different times for major maintenance check for prolonged periods owing to inadequate spares availability during the last six months.

(c) It is difficult at present to estimate the revenue loss.

(d) and (e) Indian Airlines has initiated action to streamline its inventory management.

Valuation of ITDC properties

482. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
DR. Z. A. AHMAD:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister, of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a act that four foreign banks valued ITDC hotel properties at only Rs. 702 crores whereas a similar evaluation undertaken depart-mentally by ITDC sometime ago, priced the said properties at around Rs. 2000 crores;

(b) if so, what are the details and comparative statement of evaluation, propertywise, as undertaken by four foreign banks and the ITDC separately;

(c) whether it is also a fact that no efforts have so far been made by the (Government to verify the evaluation made by the four foreign banks as correct or otherwise;

(d) whether Government have failed to appoint an expert committee for making an independent assessment of ITDC properties by the Ministry of Finance an C & A.G.;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) what action Government propose to take in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir. While four foreign banks have valued ITDC properties, no similar evaluat'on was undertake departmentally.

(b) Does ont arise.

(c) to (f) The Evaluation of ITDC properties by four foreign banks is an independent evaluation which can be used as an indicative figure for raising resources, planning investment and determining economic returns to the Corporation.

Ban on the establishment of tea and sugar industry in Arunachal Pradesh

483. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Go vernment of Arunachal Pradesh has banned the establishment of tea and sugar industries in the State by the local entrepreneurs in collaboration with "Out siders"; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons there for?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) With a view to protecting the interest of Arunachalees and preventing exploitation and monopoly by others, the Government of Arunachal Pradesh have decided by an order dated 9th July, 1991 that the tea and sugar industries venture should be wholly owned by Arunachafee enterpreneurs only.'

Introduction of a new trade and commerce policy

484. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHAN-: DRAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether there is any significant change in the trend Of imports and exports after the introduction of new trade and commerce policy;

(to) what is the total volume of exports and imports during the years1990-91 and 1991-92; and

(c) what special efforts have been madeby Government to improve the export of textile goods, artificial diamond, gold ornaments, sugar, indigenous goods and other important goods?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) The new Export-Import Policy for the years 1992—1997 was announced on 31st March, 1992 and came into force with effect from 1st April, 1992. A few changes in the .policy in the form of 'cleaning up' the text of the policy were announced on 1st July, 1992, after considering the feed-back received from industry and trade. The fundamental feature of the new policy is freedom in the field of foreign trade. It substantially eliminated Licensing, Quantitative restrictions and other regulatory and discretionary control. All goods might be freely imported and exported save for two Negative Lists. The trade and industry circles have welcomed the policy. If is too eraly to assess the changes in the trend of imports and exports after the introduction of new policy, as only one month's data (April 1992) is since available.

(b) The total volume of exports and imports during the years 1990-91 and 1991-92, in Rupees crores, are given be-I low:—

	1990-91	1991-92
Export	32553.34	43978.26
Imports	43192.86	47812.75